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In re patent application of:

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Enterobacteriaceae Family**

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**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of the present document.